

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A charging station for a rechargeable battery (5) that can be physically and electrically connected to the battery (5) having charger electronics (2) in a charger housing (3) and an electrical and physical contact interface (4) for the battery (5) that interfaces a vent (7a), wherein an air blower (6) is arranged in the charger housing (3) for producing an air current (L) through two air vents (7a, 7b), wherein one of the two air vent vents (7a) faces the battery (5) is associated with the physical contact interface (4) of the battery (5), and wherein the charger electronics (2) is arranged to transfer heat in the air current (L) and wherein the air blower (6) is arranged between the air vent (7a) on a flow inlet side and the charger electronics (2).
2. (Currently) The charging station of claim 1, wherein the physical contact interface (4) of the battery (5) is spatially associated with an the air vent (7a) on a flow inlet side faces the battery (5).
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Previously Amended) The charging station of claim 1, wherein the air vent (7a) on the flow inlet side forms a plurality of surface-distributed air inlet points (8) each associated with cooling vents (9) of the battery (5).
5. (Currently Amended) The charging station of claim 4, wherein a pressure chamber (10) causing air to be distributed having low flow resistance is arranged between the air blower (6) and the air inlet points (8).
6. (Currently Amended) The charging station of claim 1, wherein the air vent (7a) on the flow inlet side is arranged in an upper section (13) of the charging station (1).
7. (Previously Amended) A cooling process for a charging station (1) for a rechargeable battery (5) that is electrically and physically connected to the battery (5), wherein an air volume (V) of an air current (L) is moved by an air blower (6) arranged in the charger housing (3) of the charging station (1), comprising, a first step, wherein the air volume (V) at a cooling temperature CT is moved into the battery (5) to transfer heat, and, in a second step, the

air volume (V) at an intermediate temperature  $IT > CT$  permeates the charger housing (3) containing the charger electronics (2).